

HILLS TOUCH FOOTBALL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



Team organizers are asked to forward this document onto all participants in their team. All members of Hills Hornets Touch Association are expected to adhere to the following values and code of ethics:

To All:

- Encourage honest and open competition,
- Respect individual differences of people within Hills Hornets Touch,
- Support innovation and creativity,
- Share failures and celebrate success,
- Share the responsibility and work loads,
- Participate as members of a team to achieve the organisation's goals and objectives,
- Zero tolerance for any forms of bullying via social networking sites. If found to breach then action will be undertaken with the appropriate law enforcement agencies and suspended until the conclusion of the investigation.

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Players Code:

- Play by the rules at all times,
- Play equally intensively for yourself and your team,
- Be equally loyal to yourself and your team,
- Exhibit exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship at all times,
- Enjoy the game by giving your best at all times,
- Co-operate with your coach, manager, teammates and officials,
- Respect your opponents no matter how good or bad they are,
- Not to encourage or partake in underage drinking.

Referees Code:

- Display fairness and uniformity in applying rules,
- Be honest in your assessment of situations,
- Be consistent, courteous in calling all infractions,
- Condemn the deliberate foul as being unsporting, and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour,
- Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules,
- Be conscious that you are seen as a 'Role Model',

- Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and / or interpretation of rules as laid down by the Australian Touch Association,
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principals.

Coaches Code:

- Teach your players that the rules of the game are a mutual agreement which no one should try to evade or deliberately break,
- Be reasonable with your demands on players, their time, their energy and their enthusiasm,
- Avoid over playing and / or training your players,
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards of the age, sex and ability of your team,
- Demonstrate respect for all your players no matter what level of ability they possess,
- Do not swear or abuse them,
- Develop respect for the ability of your opponents, referees and all officials,
- Make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principals and abreast of current trends.

Parents Code:

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours,
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them,
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing,
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence,
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition,
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants,
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities,
- Respect officials decisions and teach children to do likewise,
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate,
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Administrators Officials Code:

- Ensure that equal opportunity for participation in Touch is available to all regardless of ability, size, shape, set, age, ethnic origin or disability,
- Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the level of the participants,
- Establish that adequate supervision is provided by qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique,
- Avoid allowing sports programs becoming primarily spectator entertainment. Focus on the needs of the participant rather than the enjoyment of the spectator,
- Provide opportunity aimed at improving the standards of coaching and officiating, with the emphasis on appropriate sports behaviour and skill technique,
- Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, physicians understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport,
- Ensure on and off field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship,
- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of the players,
- Publicly encourage rule changes, which will reinforce the principles of participation and safety,
- Distribute a code of behaviour to all participants.